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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MASS, GW

SUBJECT: LOCKHEED AND THE FRG

REF: BONN 15803

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL, AND AUTHORIZES EMBASSY TO UNDERTAKE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ASAP.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE AS WELL AS STRAUSS (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE) THAT, WITH REFERENCE TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 1958 LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY ALLEN DULLES TO STRAUSS, THE USG HAS MADE A THOROUGH AND COMPLETE CHECK OF RELEVANT USG RECORDS, AND THAT NO RPT NO EVIDENCE OF ANY KIND HAS BEEN FOUND WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT SUCH A LETTER WAS ACTUALLY WRITTEN. THE USG FURTHERMORE HAS FOUND NO EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT MR. DULLES

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AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, THE USG HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE LETTER
IS A FORGERY. THE EMBASSY WILL CAUTION BOTH RPT BOTH
OFFICES, THOUGH, THAT THE PRIVATE PAPERS OF DULLES
CONTAINED IN THE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES, HAVE NOT

YET BEEN CHECKED OUT FULLY. THIS IS PRESENTLY BEING
DONE, BUT THERE IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE HOW LONG IT
WILL TAKE. THE EMBASSY SHOULD ADD THAT THIS CAVEAT WILL
NOT RPT NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH
FOLLOWS BELOW.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ISSUE THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT:
QUOTE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED OF THE
EXISTENCE OF A LETTER, ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY FORMER CIA
DIRECTOR ALLEN W. DULLES TO THEN DEFENSE MINISTER
FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS, AND DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1958. A
THOROUGH AND COMPLETE SEARCH OF RELEVANT U.S. GOVERNMENT
RECORDS HAS BEEN MADE BY THE APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON
OFFICIALS, AND THEY HAVE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY KIND
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THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, MOREOVER, HAS FOUND NO
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